Embassy Notice on Possible Demonstration In Kuala Lumpur

June 3, 2010

The Embassy has received reports that Malaysia's three major opposition parties are scheduling a march from Kampung Baru mosque to the U.S. Embassy on the afternoon of Friday, June 4, 2010 to protest last Monday's actions by Israel against the Gaza-bound ships. Due to the likelihood that access to the Embassy's public entrance will be impeded by the large number of demonstrators, we are closing the Embassy's Consular Section to routine services from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Appointments in the morning should not be affected. Any American citizen needing emergency services should call the Embassy at 03-2168-5000.

We do not expect any violence, but remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Embassy's website at http://malaysia.usembassy.gov, the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Americans living or traveling in Malaysia are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/. Registration allows us to contact you in an emergency and provide updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the Embassy. The U.S. Embassy is located at 376 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur and can be contacted at:

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